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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO APPROPRIATE MILITARY  
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FROM USDEL 232

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, RP  
SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS: DAILY SUMMARY NO. 49

1. SUMMARY: PLENARY MET IN ONE-HOUR MORNING SESSION AUGUST 31 FOR  
USEFUL DISCUSSION OF PLANS FOR ONGOING NEGOTIATING ACTIVITY.  
FACILITIES OWRKING GROUP MET BRIEFLY FOLLOWING PLENARY. NO  
WORKING GROUP MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.  
COMMAND AND CONTROL WILL MEET FRIDAY.

2. PLENARY RECONVENED MORNING OF AUGUST 31 FOR ONE HOUR  
SESSION. CHAIRMEN CALLED UPON WORKING GROUP LEADERS ON EACH  
SIDE TO DESCRIBE THEIR WORK SINCE PLENARY LAST MET TEN DAYS  
AGO. GENERAL CONSENSUS OF WORKING GROUPS WAS THAT THERE HAD  
BEEN USEFUL DISCUSSIONS OVER PAST TEN DAYS WHICH TENDED TO  
CLARIFY POSITIONS ON THE VARIOUS ISSUES BUT THAT THERE HAD  
BEEN LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS BEYOND THE ISSUES PAPER  
AND WORKING TEXTS PREPARED ON AUGUST 18. AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN  
NOTED THAT THE AUGUST 18 DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN SENT TO WASHINGTON  
AND THE RESULT WAS AN OFFER BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND DEPUTY  
DEFENSE SECRETARY CLEMENTS TO CONSIDER COMING TO MANILA IN  
OCTOBER, AFTER THE IMF/IBRD MEETING IN MANILA, TO SEEK TO  
RESOLVE OUTSTANDING POLITICAL ISSUES AND TO PULL TOGETHER A  
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FINAL AGREEMENT. AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ SAID THAT WHILE SUCH

A VISIT WOULD ALWAYS BE WELCOME, THE GOP HAS NOTED THAT FONSEC ROMULO WILL BE IN NEW YORK IN LATE SEPTEMBER FOR THE UNGA AND THAT HE, AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME. THE GOP HAS CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A "QUIET" PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND DEPUTY DEFENSE SECRETARY CLEMENTS AT THAT TIME. AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN STATED THAT WASHINGTON AGREES IN PRINCIPLE WITH SUCH A MEETING AND THAT IT ONLY REMAINS TO WORK OUT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME. THE TWO CHAIRMEN AGREED TO MEET AS REQUIRED TO DEVELOP THESE ARRANGEMENTS. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT THE WORKING GROUPS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET IN THE DAYS AHEAD AS THE CHAIRMEN SO INSTRUCT.

3. FACILITIES. WORKING GROUP MET BRIEFLY TODAY TO TABLE REVISED ARTICLE I REFLECTING GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN STATE 214822. OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE WAS TO PUT PRESSURE ON PELAEZ TO CONTINUE TALKING, WHICH HE IS RELUCTANT TO DO. COMMENTING ON USDEL PAPER, PELAEZ TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION TO INCLUSION OF "WATERS" SUBPARAGRAPH E IN DEFINITION, AND QUERIED WHY "ADMINISTRATION BUIDLING" IS PROPOSED INSTEAD OF "BUILDINGS". WE ANTICIPATE THAT PHILS SUPICIONS WILL FOCUS ON THIS TERM, WHICH WE EXPLAINED AS ONE OF SEVERAL EXAMPLES PROVIDED TO ILLUSTRATE THE BASIC DEFINITION. PELAEZ NOTED THAT HE IS ATTRACTED BY ORIGINAL PHILIPPINE DEFINITION OF FACILITIES AS THOSE PROVIDED FOR US USE, BUT HE CAREFULLY AVOIDED OUTRIGHT REJECTION OF POSSIBILITY THAT EITHER INSTALLATIONS OR FACILITIES OR BOTH, ULTIMATELY MIGHT BE DEFINED IN TERMS SIMILAR TO THOSE ALREADY ON THE TABLE. SULLIVAN

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